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Navy arrives for Northern Edge



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PACAF commander visits Elmendorf

Gen. Paul V. Hester, Pacific Air Forces commander, talks with Master Sgt. Daniel Hoxie, Tech. Sgt. Larry Walker, and Master Sgt. Ray Eldridge, 3rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, during a PACAF Civic Leader Tour visit.

Civic Leader Tours are designed to give local civic leaders a better understanding of what the Air Force does and the unique missions of various bases.

The visit to Elmendorf gave the PACAF Civic Leaders a chance to learn more about the 3rd Wing mission.

Government Hill Gate re-opens

The Government Hill Gate will re-open July 1. The hours of operation will be 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.



Member concerned about storage lot thefts

Q: I know this has been brought up in the past but I need to bring it up again.

I currently rent a 15-foot space at the Persimmon storage lot on base.

Today I went to get my four-wheelers to go riding, only to find out someone had stolen the throttle, but left all the hardware. Outdoor Recreation says they are not responsible for that, and that's what our insurance is for. I can understand that to a degree. But having a combo lock on the gate opens up the lot for a parts salvage yard. I know we are supposed to close and lock the gate behind us as we come in and go out, but reality is that some will not do that. When the gate is left open, the combo is then exposed to whoever wants to get it.

After that, all they have to do is come back at three in the morning to take whatever fancies them. I just got off the phone with security forces and there have been three thefts in that lot over the last 24-hours alone. Why can't I park them on my property in base housing?

If it's in the back yard, covered up neatly and on concrete not killing the grass, what's the problem?

I had one in my backyard when I first got here and had it on the concrete patio, covered and I got written up.

There also used to be a storage area in Cherry Hill that was available to the tenants. After Aurora took over, they tore it out and planted grass. What was the

purpose of that?

So now we can't store it in the storage lot in Cherry Hill, we can't have it on our property in base housing, unless it's in the garage, and if we park it at any of the RV storage lots, our property gets stolen.

I shouldn't have to go through this at any storage lot, let alone one on an Air Force installation.

I never write in unless I have some sort of proposal. I know they have been brought up in the past by others, but all I can think to do is suggest them again.

1) Put an electric gate on all the storage lots that require a code or a swipe-card to enter. With it automatically closing, this would prevent potential thieves from entering. It would also aid physically disabled people from having to push the heavy gate open and closed.

2) Put small storage lots in the housing areas like Cherry Hill used to have. This would be a high visibility area, thus making it harder for thieves to get in and out. It would also be much easier for individuals to check on their equipment, making the window of opportunity smaller for crime.

3) Allow ATVs and snow machines to be stored in base housing

as long as they are on paved areas, not in the street. If stored outside, they should be in complete running condition, and not parted out. If in the back yards or in the driveways for extended periods, they must be covered to present a neat appearance to the housing area.

I find it hard to believe that the base can not or will not make one of these suggestions work. Eielson AFB has rules that are similar and I know for a fact that they allow ATVs and snow machines in base housing as long as they are on paved surfaces and not in the grass killing it.

Please look at all possibilities ... something has got to be done about this. Thank you for your attention on this matter.

A: Thank you for your input highlighting problems we're having at our RV storage lots.

I find it troubling that we have seen a rise in thefts and vandalism and can assure you that we have been working to improve the security of the lots.

The services squadron is already planning to install new gate systems at each of the three RV Lots on Elmendorf.

The new system will facilitate

easier customer access as well as provide other features that facilitate management of these lots.

However, limited funding has precluded any of these systems being installed to date. We hope to begin installation of this new system in at least one of the lots in May 2007.

With regard to storage lots at housing, there are negative aspects to keep in mind.

As you noted, Cherry Hill housing used to have a storage lot; however, the general consensus was that it was an "eyesore" and the activity associated with the lot caused a disturbance for those nearest the lot.

We have located our three large lots away from housing specifically for these reasons and we are working to expand one of our lots (near DRMO) to reduce the waiting list.

Lastly, if we allow ATVs and snow machines to be parked permanently in housing, it can quickly detract from the appearance in your neighborhoods.

Note that provisions in the Aurora Family Housing brochure do allow temporary presence of ATVs and snow machines in housing areas.

We have found that determining when a vehicle is in "complete running condition and not parted

out" can be very subjective and difficult to enforce. I believe this policy improves the quality of life within the housing areas.

For further assistance on ATVs and snowmobiles, please contact Aurora Military Family Housing, 753-1023.



Brig. Gen. Hawk Carlisle
3rd Wing commander

Do you have a problem you can't seem to get solved? Would you like to recognize someone for a job well done?

The commander's action line is your avenue to communicate your questions, comments and concerns directly to the commander, Brig. Gen. Hawk Carlisle. Your calls will get the commander's personal attention and be answered in a timely manner.

If you have a question, call or e-mail the action line at:

552-2224

actionline@elmendorf.af.mil

The following commanders stand ready to help you and can answer the majority of your questions. If they can't help, then please call the Action Line.

Key phone numbers:

Col. Mike Hass, 3rd CES/CC
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Lt. Col. David Aupperle, 3rd SVS/CC
552-2468

Lt. Col. Robert Garza, 3rd SFS/CC
552-4304

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3rd Wing Moment in History June 6, 1942:

The Japanese landed troops on Kiska in the Aleutian Islands, capturing a Navy weather detachment. More Japanese occupied Attu Island the next day. The landings marked the first time since the War of 1812 that a foreign hostile nation had occupied North American soil. It resulted in the Aleutian Campaign, the only one fought on the American Homeland.



Elmendorf Airmen overseas



PHOTO BY TECH. SGT. MATT SUMMERS



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. CANDY KNIGHT

Left: Tech. Sgt. Billy Bowman, 376th Civil Engineer Squadron, deployed from Elmendorf, prepares cement for the new Oktobersky Village School #1 children's playground at Manas Air Base, Kyrgyzstan.

Above: Col. Frederick Schaefer, 376th Expeditionary Medical Group commander deployed from Elmendorf, gives a child candy during the Manas Village Children's Day celebrations.

Right: 1st Lt. Mark Sakai, 3rd Civil Engineer Squadron, hands out humanitarian supplies during a visit with local villagers at Ali Keyhl, Afghanistan May 26. Lt. Sakai, an engineer deployed from Elmendorf in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, is serving a one-year tour with the Provincial Reconstruction Team at Mehtar Lam in eastern Afghanistan.



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. CANDY KNIGHT

More personnel actions available on Virtual MPF

Like MyPay and LeaveWeb before, the Air Force is bringing even more military personnel flight actions online.

The process, called personnel services delivery transformation, took effect March 31, and encompasses even more options than those the Virtual MPF site already has on the Internet.

"We're making it easier and more efficient for people to conduct their personnel business without having to worry about scheduling appointments or waiting in lines at their local MPF," said Tim Beyland, the Air Force manpower and personnel director of plans and integration.

"People already do their banking online and pay their bills online; we're just taking the next step by conducting Air Force business online," he said.

The transformation is a four-phase program. It began in March and will continue through 2011. The first phase began with the active-duty force and is further broken up into seven segments called spirals.

Spiral 1, which went into effect at the end of March, moved several personnel transactions Airmen usually visited their MPF for to the Web and contact center at the Air Force Personnel Center. Additional spirals will make processes available to the remaining total force, Mr. Beyland said.

Among the initial actions transferred online were forms for evaluation appeals, retirements, retraining, and duty history corrections. To access

the new online MPF actions, Airmen just need to log into the Air Force Portal, and from there head to Virtual MPF, he said.

The goal is to move 85 percent of MPF actions online. However, since the transformation began, it doesn't mean Airmen still can't get personal customer service.

"There's a contact center Airmen can call 24 hours a day, seven days a week to get help when they need it," Mr. Beyland said. "PSD also doesn't mean the Air Force is doing away with MPFs – Airmen can still get help there too. But it saves the Air Force and its people time and money when MPF actions are accessible online."

To make the transition easier, personnelists and mission support squadron commanders have been sent training programs so they can better explain the transformation initiatives to their customers, which include guardsmen, reservists and civilians.

"This is a smarter way of doing business and will result in improved consistency and accuracy of information, fewer errors in people's records and expanded customer service hours," Mr. Beyland said.

"Web and contact center technologies have proven (themselves) and PSD will make life easier for the warfighter so they can concentrate more on their mission and less on paperwork," he said. "That's as simple as it gets."

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

Additional voluntary retirements announced for officers

The Air Force is offering additional voluntary retirements to a select group of officers, officials announced today.

As a result of the Fiscal 2006 National Defense Authorization Act, the Force Shaping Program Phase II additional measures offer voluntary retirements to officers with at least eight years Total Active Federal Commissioned Service and 20 years Total Active Federal Military Service.

The Air Force will waive active-duty service commitments (except Aviation Continuation Pay, Judge Advocate Continuation Pay and Critical Skills Retention Bonus) and allow officers meeting these criteria to apply for voluntary retirement on Sept. 1, 2006, or earlier.

Lieutenant colonels and colonels who are retirement eligible are encouraged to apply for retirement between now and Sept. 1, 2007.

Some force shaping initiatives are still offered such as the "Blue to Green" option for officers and the waiver for lieutenant colonels and colonels to retire with two years time in grade through 2007. The Air Force is also authorizing a temporary program to allow officers to establish a voluntary retirement date up to 15 months in advance.

If not enough volunteers elect to retire under this force shaping initiative, a Selective Early Retirement Board could convene in 2007.

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Stolen VA records: Airmen urged to be vigilant

Air Force officials are asking Airmen to stay extra vigilant in protecting their credit and themselves from identity theft in light of the recent theft of 26.5 million veteran’s records from the home of a Department of Veterans Affairs employee in May.

The VA announced over the weekend that the stolen records might include personal information of people currently in the military, according to a VA news release.

Initial findings from the VA indicated the personal information on about 50,000 active duty, National Guard and Reserve Airmen may have been involved.

As the two agencies compared electronic files, VA and the Department of Defense learned that personal information on as many as 1.1 million active-duty servicemembers, 430,000 National Guardsmen, and 645,000 members of the Reserve may have been included in the data theft, according to the VA release June 7.

The VA has received no reports that the stolen data has been used for fraudulent purposes.

However, the VA is asking all veterans to carefully monitor bank statements, credit card statements and any statements relating to recent financial transactions.

Several resources are available for people to go to for more information. The VA has set up a special

Web site at www.firstgov.gov/veteransinfo and a toll-free telephone number, 800-FED-INFO or 800-333-4636, that feature up-to-date news and information on the data compromise.

The site offers tips on how to check credit reports, how to guard against identity theft and whom to call if an individual believes any fraudulent activity is occurring using his or her personal information.

The Air Force and Department of Defense are working closely with the VA to determine how many Airmen and other service members may be affected by the compromise of records.

Airmen whose information has been compromised will be notified by the VA so they can take the appropriate steps.

Tips on how to watch for suspi-

cious activity include the following:

- Closely monitor your bank and credit card statements for fraudulent transactions. Monitoring accounts online is the best way to detect fraud early.

- Place a 90-day fraud alert on your credit report, which tells creditors to contact you before opening any new accounts or making any changes to your existing accounts. This action may cause some delays if you are trying to obtain new credit.

- It is only necessary to contact one of three companies to place an alert. That company is then required to contact the other two.

The three companies are Equifax (800-525-6285, www.equifax.com); Experian (888-397-3742, www.experian.com); and TransUnion (800-680-7289, www.transunion.com).

Once the fraud alert has been

posted, you are entitled to free copies of your credit reports.

Review these reports for inquiries from companies you haven’t contacted or accounts you didn’t open. The alert can be renewed after 90 days.

Airmen are advised to take the following steps if they discover fraudulent accounts or transactions:

- Contact the financial institution to close the fraudulent account(s) that have been tampered with.

- File a report with the local police department.

- File a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission by phone at (877) 438-4338, online at www.consumer.gov/idtheft, or by mail to Identity Theft Clearinghouse, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20580.

Additionally, Family Support Centers across the Air Force are prepared to assist anyone with questions regarding identity theft or similar financial concerns, Air Force officials said.

Additional help can be found online at:

www.militaryonesource.com
www.privacy.ca.gov/sheets/cis3_english.htm
www.co.boulder.co.us/da/consumer/idtheft.htm

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Car buying causes members headaches

Base legal office urges members to read the fine print

By Capt. Peter Kezar
3rd Wing Legal Office

Most automobile dealers are honest business people trying to make a living by selling cars for a profit. Unfortunately, there are also some unscrupulous scam artists out there taking advantage of military personnel.

It is more important than ever for car buyers, especially military members, to educate themselves and avoid scams in the first place.

This article is intended to help our base community better understand the risks associated with buying a car, how to avoid car-buying problems, and the resources available to help you if you think you are the victim of a dealer scam.

The scam most affecting military members is the yo-yo scam. As an example, John Doe buys a used sport utility vehicle from a dealer who guarantees very favorable dealership financing for the SUV. Mr. Doe trades in his old car, takes the dealer financing, and drives the SUV home. One week later, after Mr. Doe gets used to driving the SUV and shows it to his friends and neighbors, the dealer calls to say that because of a problem with the financing Mr. Doe must either pay an additional

\$2000, pay a higher interest rate, or take a cheaper car.

The dealer threatens to repossess Mr. Doe’s SUV immediately and have him arrested for auto theft if he resists. Mr. Doe decides he wants out of the deal and asks for his trade-in back, but the dealer says it was already sold.

In this case, the dealer sold Mr. Doe the SUV he wanted but pulled a bait-and-switch with the financing. He told Mr. Doe the financing was guaranteed, then changed his story. This is called “yo-yo financing” because the customer is brought back to the dealership like a yo-yo on a string.

This tactic is often illegal, and so is threatening arrest, but suing the dealership is time-consuming, difficult, and may not be worthwhile. The best thing is to avoid the yo-yo in the first place.

Car buyers have several ways to protect themselves from this dealer scam:

1. Avoid dealership financing. Most car buyers compare prices before buying, but many do not compare financing deals.

Once you have decided what car you want to buy, determine how much you will spend on a down payment and whether you need to take out an automobile loan. If you need a loan, you can

get it pre-approved from a bank, credit union, or other reputable lender instead of the dealership.

That means you find out before you buy the car how much you can borrow, and at what interest rate, to buy the vehicle. You can also do this using a website that has lenders compete for your business.

Then, go back to the dealership and buy your car. There can never be a yo-yo scam if you finance the car yourself.

Beware the dealer who says you are approved to borrow much more than others are willing to lend; he could be setting you up for a scam.

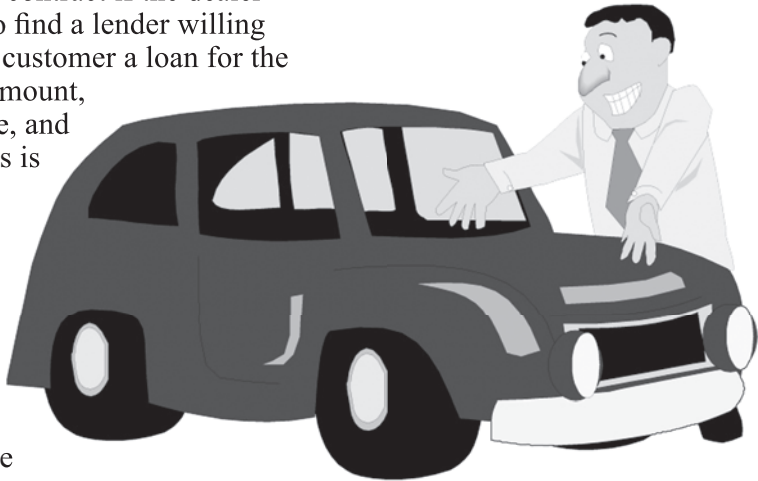
2. If you choose to use dealer financing. Read the purchase agreement thoroughly. Look for a paragraph in bold print that says “the dealer has the right to rescind (undo) this contract if the dealer is unable to find a lender willing to give the customer a loan for the proposed amount, interest rate, and term.” This is the yo-yo.

If you don’t want it, cross it out. Write your initials and the date

next to it. Have the dealer’s sales manager do the same.

You may refuse to give up your trade-in, make payment, or take delivery of the vehicle until you know the agreement will be final. The dealership may not like it, but you have the right to propose your own contract terms. The dealership also has a right to reject your proposal. If so, you may consider doing business at a different dealership.

If you believe you may be the victim of a yo-yo scam, contact the legal office at 552-3048 and set up an appointment with one of our legal assistance attorneys. Your attorney will need to see all paperwork the dealership provided to you and the names of the people you spoke to.





Government Hill Gate re-opens

The Government Hill Gate will re-open July 1. The hours of operation will be 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Education fair

The Base Education office is sponsoring an Education Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 13 in Bldg. 4109. Field representatives will be on-hand to discuss on-line tuition assistane and financial aid.

For more information, call 552-3292.

Bluff Road Gate delays

Members using the Bluff Road Gate should expect delays due to construction in the Government Hill area.

Muldoon Gate closure

Due to construction, the Muldoon Gate will be closed July 10-August 1.

For more information, call Airman 1st Class Carlos Lopez at 552-4011 or Hazim Yunis at 552-3079.

Grady Highway

The Grady Highway connection between Elmendorf and Ft. Richardson is nearly complete and is scheduled to open for traffic on the July 10. Until that date residents are reminded that it is a construction site and therefore closed to all

vehicle and pedestrian use.

Road closures

■ Due to housing construction in the New Denver development, Luke and McCloud Avenues, near Mt. Spurr Elementary, are closed between 16th and 17th Streets until November.

For more details, call Dan Eckert at 552-2466.

■ Airlifter Drive from east of the flight kitchen to west of Hangar 15 will be closed Thursday for road construction. Fairchild Avenue will reopen when Airlifter Drive closes.

VA Wheelchair Games volunteer training

Training is now in session for volunteers of the 26th National Veterans Wheelchair Games in Anchorage July 3-8.

Volunteers can register for the session by e-mailing Leanne Rowley at *leanne@alaskadestinations.com*.

Vacation Bible School

The Base Chapel is sponsoring a Vacation Bible School from 9 a.m.-noon, Monday-June 16 at Chapel One.

For more information, call Peggy Brown at 646-4279.

Technology show

The 3rd Communications Squadron is hosting its annual technology show from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Susitna

Club.

The show is free to all members and refreshments will be available.

For more information, call Scott Butcher at 552-1239.

Home buying seminar

The Elmendorf Housing office is offering a home buying seminar at 1 p.m. June 19 at the Housing Office, 6346 Arctic Warrior Drive. The class lasts approximately two to three hours.

Seating is limited; call 552-4439 or 552-4328 for reservations.

Rainbow Trout limit changed

The recently published 2006-2007 Alaska Department of Fish and Game sport fishing regulation limits have been rescinded and replaced.

Effective May 13, the bag and possession limit for rainbow trout in Anchorage’s stocked lakes and streams was reduced to two per day, two in possession. Only one trout may be 20 inches or longer.

This Emergency Order applies to stocked lakes on Elmendorf (Fish Lake, Green Lake, Hillberg Lake, Spring Lake, Triangle Lake, and Upper Six Mile Lake).

Volunteers needed

Arctic Thunder 2006, Elmendorf’s air show and open house, is Aug. 12-13. The air show team is seeking volunteers for various tasks. People interested in helping

should call 552-5324 or 552-5414, or e-mail 2nd Lt. Joseph Douglass at joseph.douglass@elmendorf.af.mil or Senior Master Sgt. Richard Lister at richard.lister@elmendorf.af.mil.

For more details about the event, call 552-SHOW (7469).

Suicide prevention

A suicide prevention briefing is being held at 3 p.m. June 28 at the Base Theater.

Arctic Warrior Olympics

This year’s Arctic Warrior Olympics is June 29. Sign-ups for the events are done online from a government computer at <https://portal.elmendorf.af.mil/units/AFLocal/AWO/default.aspx>.

Aurora refuse and pick-up schedule

Aurora Tenants are asked to use the dumpster closest to their unit whenever possible, and to never leave unsightly refuse on the ground because it attracts unwanted wildlife into residential areas.

If tenants have larger items that are too bulky to easily fit in the residential dumpsters please be advised that there is a huge roll off dumpster at Aurora’s main office, Bldg. 6350.

Environmentally unsafe items such as motor oil or batteries must be taken to the Anchorage landfill. The schedule for refuse pick-up is Monday, Wednesday, and Friday throughout Aurora Military Housing with

additional pick-ups Monday through Saturday in areas of heavier concentration due to moves in Moose Crossing.

For concerns or additional information call AMH at 753-1023.

FSC name change

To reflect its ongoing mission, the name of the Family Support Center has been officially changed to the Military and Family Readiness Center.

AAHC meeting

The African American Heritage Council is having a committee meeting at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Susitna Club.

For more information, call Senior Airman Saroya Warren at 249-1109.

TLA procedures

When a member is PCSing, they are entitled up to 5 nights of Temporary Lodging Allowance. Departure TLA claims are limited to the applicable number of days immediately prior to their departure and claims must be filed prior to departure.

The procedures for submitting a TLA claim is that the member must pay their lodging bill in full and may submit through the Housing Flight Office 72 hours prior to their departure. The member is to ensure all claims include the following, AF Form 1357, Request for Temporary Lodging Allowance, nonavailability statement for lodging, if applicable, three copies of PCS orders, and the

paid lodging or hotel receipts with the name of the lodging or hotel, daily rate, member’s name, and inclusive dates for the period being claimed.

To pay the lodging/hotel, use your government credit card. If you do not have one, please contact your unit representative to obtain one immediately.

The Housing Flight is located at 6346 Arctic Warrior Drive and the customer service hours are Monday through Friday, except holidays, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

For questions or concerns, contact any of the following numbers and a Housing Management Assistant will assist you, 552-4206, 552-4439, 552-4374, 552-2599, or 552-4328.

Airmen’s Ball

The Airmen’s Ball will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Kashim Club ballroom June 17. Attire will be civilian formal and the event will be catered. Child care will be provided.

The first 150 E-4’s and below can obtain tickets for \$15.

For more information, call Senior Airman Jacob Jordan at 552-3309.

Spouse Tuition Assistance

The dates to apply for Spouse Tuition Assistance for classes beginning in August and September are July 26-August 9.

For more information call the Education Center at 552-3164.



Chapel Schedule

Catholic Parish

- Monday through Wednesday and Friday Mass: 11:30 a.m. at the Chapel Center
- Thursday Mass: 11:30 a.m. at the Hospital Chapel
- Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m. at Chapel 1
- Sunday Evening Mass: 5 p.m. at Chapel 2
- Confession: 4:30 p.m. Sundays at Chapel 2
- Catholic Religious Education: 9 a.m. Sundays at the Chapel Center.

Protestant Sunday

- Liturgical Service: 9 a.m. at Chapel 2
- Traditional Service: 9 a.m. at Chapel 1
- Gospel Service: noon at Chapel 1
- Contemporary: 6 p.m. at Chapel 1
- Protestant Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. at the Chapel Center.

For more details, call the Chapel at 552-4422.



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. JOSHUA STRANG

Captain Paul Edwards

Organization and duty title: U.S. Air Forces, U.S. Central Command Construction Management Office, base construction program manager deployed from Elmendorf

Hometown: Albany, Mo.

Hobbies: Computers, movies, horses, fishing, hunting, skiing, four-wheeling

Deployment goals: Complete his Master’s Degree

Days in Area of Responsibility: 134

Best part of deployment: Three words ... “Turkey Central Restaurant”

Best Air Force moment: My father, then the Aeronautical Systems Center Command Chief Master Sergeant at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, rendering my first salute. Probably the greatest privilege I will ever have in the military.



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS DE-JUAN HALEY

Staff Sgt. Michael Mariner

Organization and duty title: 3rd Maintenance Operations Squadron group security and facilities manager

Hometown: Wilmington, Del.

Hobbies: Mixed martial arts, all sports, working out, spending time with family, school

Mission contributions: Manages the Maintenance Group Security and Facilities programs as well as manage the Security, Fitness, Facilities, Anti-Terrorism, and Force Protection programs for 3rd MOS

Time at Elmendorf: One year

Time in the Air Force: Seven years

Best part about being in Alaska: Meeting my wife and fighting in the Alaska Fighting Championships

Quote from commander: “Sergeant Mariner is a superior performer. He sets the standard for all NCOs. He is involved in every aspect of his Air Force career, education, community, and family. If you need to have a job completed he is the person you want to get it done.” Tech. Sgt. Chester Estridge

Nonjudicial punishment

Article 15s:

An airman first class with the 3rd Security Forces Squadron was derelict in the performance of his duties by failing to report an incident where he caused damage to a government vehicle.

His punishment was a suspended reduction to the grade of airman, 15 days extra duty, and a reprimand.

A senior airman from the 3rd Equipment Maintenance Squadron was absent without leave, and showed up for duty under the influence of alcohol.

He was also charged with making a false official statement.

His punishment was a reduction to the grade of airman first class with a reduction to airman suspended, suspended forfeiture of \$713 pay for 2 months, and 30 days extra duty.

An airman first class from the 11th Operational Weather Squadron was derelict in the performance of his duties by going to a bar when on quarters.

His punishment consisted of a reduction to the grade of airman with a reduction to airman basic suspended and 30 days extra duty.

A senior airman from the 3rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron was absent without leave five times within a two-week period.

His punishment was a reduction to the grade of airman first class and 14 days extra duty.

An airman first class from the 3rd Communications Squadrons failed to obey a lawful order by driving his vehicle while his privileges were revoked.

His punishment was a reduction to the grade of airman and 14 days restriction to base.

Discharges:

An airman with the 3rd Security Forces Squadron was administratively discharged for drug abuse, specifically, marijuana use.

The member’s misconduct resulted in a General Discharge.

Elmendorf Officers’ Spouses’ Club awards scholarships to outstanding teens

Each year the Elmendorf Officers’ Spouses’ Organization presents scholarships to outstanding Anchorage area High School Seniors from the military community.

These awards are funded through the Craft Bazaar and Bargain Shop.

To be eligible, the student must be the son or daughter of an active duty or retired military member, have at least a cumulative 3.0 grade point average, and be a proven scholastic and community service leader.

EOSO gave away eleven \$1,000 scholarships this year.

Jeff Gibson of First Command Financial Planning generously provided an additional \$1,000 to offer a twelfth scholarship.

Each of these twelve students are a shining example of this year’s senior class. They are:

Laura Smith,
daughter of retired Lt. Col. Allen Smith and retired Maj. Carol Koeble

David Brescia,
son of Lt. Col. David and Karen Brescia

Tara Scudder,
daughter of retired Master Sgt. Jon and Tanya Scudder

Natasha Maxwell,
daughter of Tech. Sgt. Brent and Danelle Maxwell

Cassandra Clark,
daughter of Capt. Theresa and Kyle Clark

Kassey Bautista,
daughter of Chief Petty Officer Dominador and Helen Bautista

Jessica Self,
daughter of retired Senior Master Sgt. Jesse and Wanza Self

Megan Schwegel,
daughter of retired Tech. Sgt. Mark and Brenda Schwegel

Christina Fry,
daughter of retired Maj. Michael and Kristin Fry

Lauren Shutt,
daughter of Col. Dave Shutt and Lisa Shutt

First Command Scholarship Recipient
Justin Shattuck,
son of retired Master Sgt. Rex and retired Master Sgt. Linda Shattuck

Brandace Brown,
daughter of Master Sgt. Pierre and Rhonda Brown

The 2006 Scholarship recipients were recognized at the Scholarship Awards Ceremony on April 24.

Elmendorf families get view of F-22

Arctic Warriors get up-close, personal with Raptor

By Capt. Elizabeth Kreft
1st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Not many people get the opportunity to see an F-22A Raptor unless it is in the air, but June 2 more than 500 Arctic Warriors had a chance to get up close and personal with the Air Force's newest operational jet.

Elmendorf military members, DoD card holders and their families were invited to the flightline for a behind-the-scenes visit.

The visitors were given access to the jet for photos and a quick tour, the only big rule: Look, but don't touch.

"This is awesome," said Airman Jordan Bender, 962nd Airborne Air Control Squadron surveillance tracker. "You can tell

why people talk about it all the time. It just looks so sleek and new."

Awesome was the word used most often by the crowd to describe the Air Force's newest weapons system.

Wow, cool and "no way" followed shortly behind as the wide-eyed guests were introduced to the Raptor's abilities and improvements.

"We keep hearing about the stealth ability, and when you see it up close you can understand why they have the advantage," said Airman Bender.

For George West, Friday was the second time he's witnessed the excitement of a new jet at Elmendorf. A machinist welder at the Metals Tech shop, he's worked



PHOTOS BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS DE-JUAN HALEY

Lt. Col. Dane West, 1st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron commander, explains the maintenance of the F-22A to Arctic Warriors. Visitors were given the chance June 2 to take photos and even take a brief tour as members of the 27th Fighter Squadron and 1st AMXS were on hand to answer questions. Twelve Raptors from the 27th FS are at Elmendorf to participate in Exercise Northern Edge.

here since 1971, and he was on the flightline when the very first F-15 Eagle came to Alaska in 1982.

"I can remember the way people were eager to see it and how excited everyone was," Mr. West said. "I remember the way I felt – seeing a new jet was exciting."

He took a moment to describe how the Raptor makes him feel now.

"It's like looking into the future," he said. "We are all witnesses to an exponential leap in technology - this will change everything for the base."

Even the youngest members of the crowd could tell that there is something special about the new jet, and that it is completely different than anything they'd seen before.

"It's kinda cool, but where are the weapons?" 8-year-old John

Benefield asked with a wide grin. When asked if he'd like to fly one someday, he said "Yeah!"

One youngster has had the chance to touch a Raptor, though it was about 1/50 of the size of the one he saw Friday.

"I'm building a model of the Raptor right now that I got for my birthday," said James Buchannan, a 10-year-old fan of the new jet. "It looks stealthy, that's why I like it."

Looks are one thing, but after the guests of all ages heard stories about how the stealth technology, integrated avionics and super-cruise ability actually worked, they agreed that the jet was more exciting than ever.

"The amazing thing is the stealth and the speed," said Mr. West. "I just feel thankful that they are America's jets!"



Senior Airman Joey Lavalley, 1st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, gives family members a better understanding of what the F-22A is capable of. Family members were given the chance to get up close and personal with the Air Force's newest asset June 2.



Capt. Elizabeth Kreft, 1st Fighter Wing Public Affairs, explains the capabilities of the F-22A to Elmendorf family members.



Lt. Col. Wade Tolliver, 27th Fighter Squadron commander, describes some of the new equipment on the F-22A. The 1st Fighter Wing, Langley Air Force Base Va. is the first operational wing for the F-22A. The 3rd Wing will be the second, when the first Elmendorf Raptors are expected to arrive in 2007.

Navy joins Northern Edge

By Navy Lt. Mike Flint
Northern Edge Joint Information Bureau

Northern Edge 2006, Alaska's largest military joint-training exercise, kicked off with the United States Navy making the journey into Homer's Deep Water Port, and Seward's Railroad Terminal Harbor this past weekend.

The visit by the Arleigh Burke-Class destroyers USS Chafee (DDG-90) and USS O'Kane (DDG-77) gives the Alaskan community a glimpse of two of the Navy's most advanced and robust warships.

Alaskan Command, the sponsor of the annual Northern Edge exercise, has been demonstrating the advantages of working in the joint environment. As one of the premier exercises that the military uses to train and enhance the capabilities of Airmen, Marines, Sailors, and Soldiers, Northern Edge reinforces the strategic value of joint military communication and operations.

Commander John Clausen, the commanding officer of the USS Chafee, emphasizes the importance of opportunities to work on interoperability issues on exercises like this. "During Northern Edge 2006, we will

complement Air Force and Army detection systems and coordinate vessels serving as enemy combatants on the ranges," he said.

The destroyers participating in this exercise are equipped with a communication system that forwards information to other capable ships within their radius, developing an expansive network at sea.

The Air Force's Airborne Warning and Control System provides networking capabilities between aircraft. Developing a strong link with the Air Force and utilizing the capabilities of the AWACS bridges the gap between air and sea, furthering the range of detection.

"Northern Edge helps joint services in the Pacific Fleet work together as one team, for one common goal – to defeat the enemy," said Chief Warrant Officer Donald Hamilton of the USS O'Kane. "Crew members are given invaluable training in defense and warfighting capabilities, broadening the scope of their professional experience outside the Navy realm."

The two ships are assigned to Pacific Fleet, headquartered at Naval Station Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. This year's Northern Edge runs from June 5-16.

(Senior Airman Garrett Hothan contributed to this story)



Above: Sailors on USS Chafee prepare the ship to be docked in the Railroad Terminal Harbor located in Seward, Alaska June 3. The Arleigh Burke-Class Destroyer is here to participate in Northern Edge 2006. Exercise Northern Edge, which runs Jun 5-16, is one of a series of U.S. Pacific Command exercises in 2006 that prepare joint forces to respond to crises in the Asian Pacific region.



Above: Culinary Specialist Seaman Apprentice Heriberto Garcia, attached to USS Chafee, helps the City of Seward Parks and Recreation maintain Jon Perry Field shortly after coming into port Saturday. While ships are docked, sailor's are encourage to participate in various community relations programs as a way to foster community involvement.



Above: USS O'Kane berths in Homer, Alaska Sunday. The O'Kane is an Arleigh Burke-Class Destroyer.

On the cover: Sailors on the USS Chafee, prepare the ship to be docked in the Railroad Terminal Harbor, Saturday.



Top Left: Sailors secure mooring lines on USS O'Kane as it arrives in Homer.

Middle left: Seaman Apprentice Kim Hamilton, an Electricians Mate onboard the USS Chafee, checks the dry thermometers in the engine room for heat stress during his designated watch.

Left: Petty Officer 2nd Class Anthony Lucas, an Electrician's Mate on USS Chafee, repairs a light on the ship after it docked Saturday in Seward.

Above: Petty Officer 1st Class Jason Kajka, a gas systems turbine mechanic, manages a propulsion and auxiliary control system below the decks of the USS Chafee, which monitors the ship's propulsion Systems.



Photos by Senior Airman Garrett Hothan



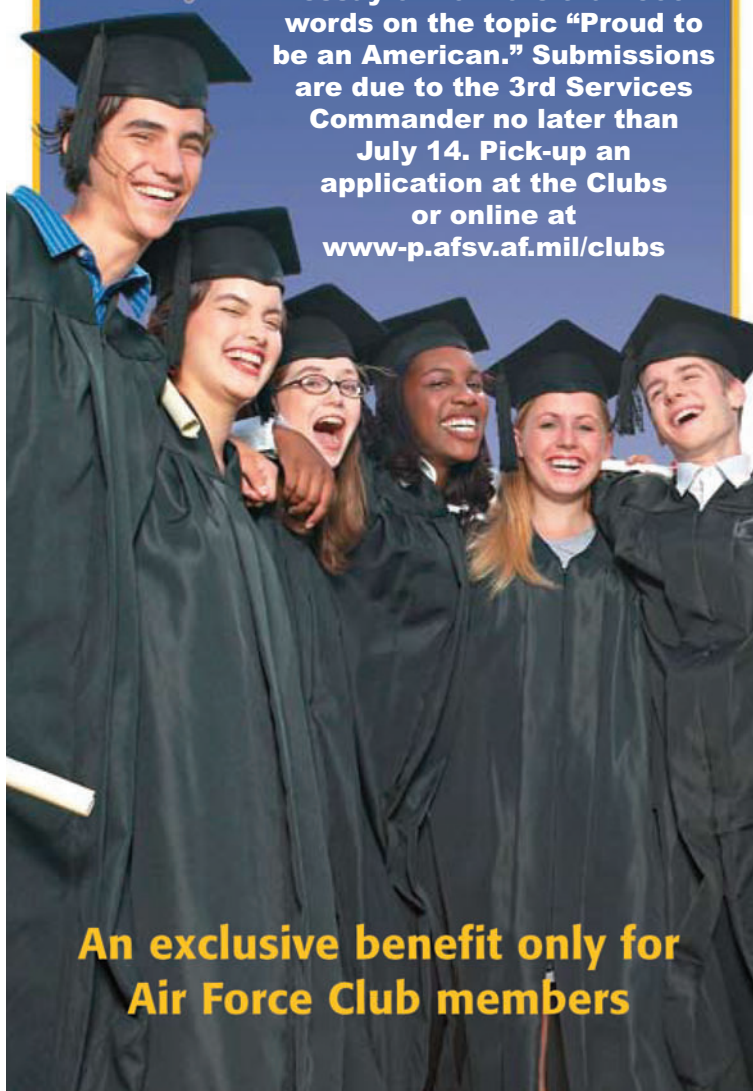
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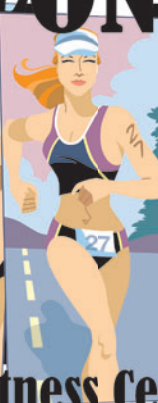
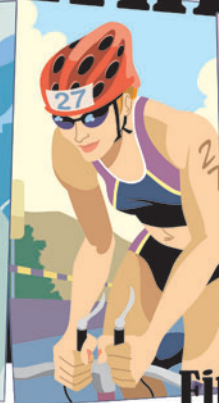
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Today

Preteen Dance and Lock-In 8 p.m., \$5 for dance or free if attending Lock-In, \$25 for Lock-In, ages 9-12, Youth Center, 552-2266

Babysitting Certification Course 8 a.m.-5 p.m., \$29, graduates will be included in the base babysitter's referral list, ages 12-18, limit 20 participants, preregister at Arctic Oasis, 552-8529

One-Stroke Floral Arrangements 6:30-9 p.m. also June 16 and 23, \$35, bring item of choice to paint, Arts & Crafts 552-7012 or 552-2478

Cookout at Otter Lake 2-8 p.m., Teen Center, 552-2266

Saturday

Eklutna Trail Mountain Bike Ride 9 a.m., \$10 plus \$5 bike rental, Outdoor Recreation, 552-2023

Oil Painting "Bob Ross Style" 11 a.m.-3 p.m., \$45, 16- by 20-inch canvas needed, Arts & Crafts, 552-7012

End of the School Year Bash 3 p.m., balloon twister, DJ, sodas and snacks, \$5 with advance sign-up, \$6 at the door. Bring your *Passport to Fun* to this Customer Appreciation Celebration event, Polar Bowl, 552-4108

Beginner Watercolor "Working with Flowers and Dew Drops" 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. also June 17, \$45 plus supplies, Arts & Crafts, 552-7012 or 552-2478

ATV Day Trip 9 a.m.-6 p.m., \$100, Outdoor Adventure Program, 552-2023

Kid's Corner "Ceramic Painting" 1-3 p.m., ages 3-10, \$15, Arts & Crafts 552-7012 or 552-2478

Lower Matanuska River Rafting 9 a.m.-5 p.m., \$60, Outdoor Adventure Program, 552-2023

Xtreme Bowling with a DJ 9 p.m.-1 a.m., \$18 per person including shoe rental, Polar Bowl, 552-4108

Sunday

Sunday Brunch 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., \$16.95 *Members First* price, \$19.95 regular price, \$7.95 for children age 6-12, Susitna Café, 753-3131

Family Xtreme Bowling 1-8 p.m., \$30 for up to six bowlers, shoe rental, one lane for two hours, two pitchers of soda and popcorn, Polar Bowl, 552-4108

Monday

Kenpo Karate 6-7 p.m. for ages 4-18 and 7-8 p.m. for adults, \$30 per month, Arctic Oasis, 552-8529

Monday Evening Road Bike Ride 5:30 p.m., \$6 bike rental, Outdoor Recreation, 552-2023

Tuesday

Eagle River Rafting 5-7:30 p.m., \$30, Outdoor Adventure Program, 552-2023

Family Child Care Training and Orientation 9 a.m.-5 p.m. through

June 16, begin the career of a lifetime, FCC, 552-3995

Wednesday

Kayak Training 5-8 p.m., \$25, Outdoor Adventure Program, 552-2023

Kenpo Karate 6-7 p.m. for ages 4-18 and 7-8 p.m. for adults, \$30 per month, Arctic Oasis, 552-8529

Beading "American Flag Earrings" 6:30-8:30 p.m., \$25 plus kit, Arts & Crafts, 552-7012 or 552-2478

Thursday

Eagle River Rafting 5-7:30 p.m., \$30, Outdoor Adventure Program, 552-2023

Thursday Night Madness 5-9 p.m., \$18 per lane, up to five bowlers, shoes not included, Polar Bowl, 552-4108

Teen Bowling 3-6 p.m. at the Polar Bowl, \$1.50 per game (shoes included), Teen Center, 552-2266

June 16

Lunch and Ice Skating at Dimond Mall noon-5 p.m., \$5 plus lunch money, Youth Center, 552-2266

Father's Day Golf Sale through June 18, gift certificates available, Pro Shop, 552-3821

Couple's Tournament tee times start 4:15 p.m., \$25 per couple plus 9-hole green fees, limit 60 participants, potluck following play, door prizes, gift certificates and prizes, Eagleleglen Golf Course, 552-3821

Now Showing

Today 7 p.m. PG-13

Scary Movie 4

The Scary Movie gang is back with send-ups of "War of the Worlds," "The Grudge," "The Village," "Saw" and "Saw II," "Million Dollar Baby" and much more.

Today 9:15 p.m. PG-13

The Sentinel

Pete Garrison is the most decorated agent in the history of the Secret Service. But now, wrongly suspected of targeting the president for assassination, Garrison has become the Service's worst nightmare.

Today 2 p.m. G

The Wild

In this computer-animated comedy-adventure, an assortment of animals from the New York Zoo discover what a jungle the city can be when one of their own is mistakenly shipped to the wild and they embark on a dangerous mission to rescue him.

Saturday 7 p.m. G

The Wild

Sunday 6 p.m. PG-13

Scary Movie 4

Adults: \$3.50 Children: \$1.75

Happy Birthday U.S. Army

By Capt. Tony Wickman
71st Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

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10. USA rank equivalent to USAF Command Chief
13. NY Giant Manning
14. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, formerly
15. USAF NCO report
16. Auto club
17. Stimpy’s pal
18. Part of WAPS testing
19. Horse-drawn vehicle used to carry artillery ammo, caskets
21. Federal environmental org.
22. Bullring cheer
23. USAF medal above Airman’s Medal
24. U.S. Army motto
30. Horn
31. Languid

33. Computes
35. Goddess of the dawn
36. More recent
37. USAF Pilot with 5+ aerial kills
38. ___ Claire
39. Judge ____
42. Heart test, in short
45. Brisk
47. Scary
48. Badly
50. Headline grabber
55. And so forth, in short
56. Army BDU replacement
57. Vehicle
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62. Head movement
63. Japanese sash
64. Water to walk on
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66. Before, poetically
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71. Fourth year high school students, in short

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51. Sharp or biting
52. Desktop images
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59. U.S. Army commissioning source
60. Lawn
61. Item for USAF controlled areas

SPORTS PAGE

Eagleglen Golf Course offers youth learn-to-golf program

Eagleglen Golf Course offers *Golf 4 Juniors*, a youth player development program which makes learning the game easy and affordable but most of all, fun. Sponsored by Pacific Air Forces and Air Force Services, Eagleglen's *Golf 4 Juniors* program is designed to give children ages 8-14 years old the love of a game they'll play for a lifetime.

Golf 4 Juniors provides participants with a solid foundation about the game of golf, including swing mechanics, etiquette, terminology, proper behavior and how to maintain speed of play. For only \$99 (a retail value of \$200), participants receive six hours of group instruction and a fun on-course golf event. Children are divided into groups of similar ability and by age from 8-10 years and 11-14 years.

Participants receive a *Golf 4 Juniors* logo t-shirt, cap, golf towel, tee pack, bag tag, rules and etiquette brochures and a graduation certificate. Children graduating from the program will get a free set of top quality junior clubs to keep.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for kids to learn the game of golf, develop good skills and meet friends," said Eric Sudy, Air Force golf program director and PGA Professional. "*Golf 4 Juniors* provides a relaxed learning atmosphere without the intimidation factor, with emphasis on having fun. We look forward to offering this exciting program to the military community."

Children who are family members of authorized patrons of all branches of military service, including active-duty, retired and DoD civilians are eligible to participate. For more information about *Golf 4 Juniors*, contact Eagleglen Golf Course, 552-3821.

(Courtesy of the 3rd Services Squadron)



PHOTO BY MASTER SGT. TOMMIE BAKER

Aces win! Aces win!

Elmendorf spouses Donna Baker (front) and Matti Wilson celebrate with Alaska Aces player Olivier Filion Saturday. The Aces beat the Gwinnette Gladiators in the fifth game of a seven-game series to bring the Kelley Cup home to Anchorage. The Aces are Alaska's only professional sports team and compete in the ECHL AA Hockey League. The Aces shared their victory with the fans in a celebration Saturday.



Take me out to the ballgame

Left: Dominic Jones, Elmendorf Dodgers, throws a pitch against the Elmendorf Yankees. The teams are the only two Elmendorf teams in the Little League Majors for 11-12 year-olds.

Above: Joshua Dillon, Dodgers, tries but fails to beat the throw to first as Tyler Johnson, Yankees, digs low for the ball. The teams in the Elmendorf Major's league focus on developing the athletes and do not keep score.

Bottom left: Ryan Caron, Dodgers, steals second base as the Yankees' Barkley Haney tries to make the tag, while Yankee Logan Fornerette backs up the throw. The game was held May 31 on the Elmendorf little league fields.



Photos by Airman 1st Class De-Juan Haley